made by MMTC and the STC in terms of CIF value as well as quantity during the last three years, year-wise and item-wise and foreign exchange in terms of US dollar spent thereon; and

(b) what are the item-wise details of export of various types of ores and minerals made through public sector agencies or otherwise during the last three years, in terms of quantity exported and its FOB value and the amount of foreign exchange in terms of US dollar earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Entry to Chakma Refugees into Tripura**

857. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Chakma refugees who have entered into Tripura from Bangladesh in the last few months;

(b) what are the reasons for the sudden spurt in the influx of such refugees;

(c) what is the amount spent so far by the Central Government and the Government of Tripura for providing relief to these refugees; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to send back these refugees to Bangladesh with dignity and honour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) As on 22-7-1986, 22,892 Chakma refugees had entered into Tripura from the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

(b) The current influx of refugees from the Chittagong Hill Tracts into Tripura is because of the continuing armed conflicts between Bangladesh Security Forces and the Shanti Bahini—a Chakma guerilla organisation.

(c) The Govt. of India have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 51 lakhs for the Govt. of Tripura for providing relief to these refugees.

(d) Government has taken up with the Govt. of Bangladesh the matter of early return of these refugees in peace and safety and the Govt. of Bangladesh have agreed to work out modalities to this end.

**Charter of Demands submitted by Plantation Workers' Union**

858. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers' Union has submitted a 36-Point charter of demands;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the present three-year wage agreement has expired on the 1st July, 1986; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government on the charter of demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of West Bengal, a Charter of Demands has been submitted by the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers'

Union to the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations, West Bengal. The Charter of Demands which is in 3 parts includes demands for:

(i) Payment of basic wages at Rs. 18/- per day.

(ii) Payment of 92.8 per cent D.A.

(iii) 15 days' casual leave.

(iv) Taking over of mismanaged Gardens.

(v) Nationalisation of wholesale Tea Trade and Tea Auction Centres; and

(vi) Re-plantation of Tea Bushes, etc.

(c) Yes.

(d) According to the Government of West Bengal, the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, bilateral discussions are being held by the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations, West Bengal and the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers' Union on the Charter of Demands.

**Purchase of jute crop by Government**

859. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to purchase the entire jute crop this year; and

(b) what steps Government contemplate to prevent distress sale of jute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Jute Corporation of India will purchase whatever quantity of raw jute is offered to it for sale at the minimum statutory price fixed by the Government.

(b) The following steps have been taken in the interests of jute growers:

(i) Statutory minimum prices of raw jute were announced in March, 1986 before the sowing seasons for the first time.

(ii) JCI and cooperatives, acting as agents of JCI, have decided to operate through the same number of purchasing centres as during previous season.

(iii) JCI is giving wide publicity to its support operations and advising growers not to make any distress sale of raw jute to middlemen below statutory minimum price.

**Inspection of United Industrial Bank by RBI**

860. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India had carried out inspection regarding the working of the United Industrial Bank and submitted its report in Apdil, 1982;

(b) if so, whether there has been any adverse comments about the working of the Bank in the report;

(c) if so, what are the details therefore; and

(d) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) As a part of its regular inspection programme, an inspection had been carried out by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the provisions of